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*** STATE WIDE CLUB MEETING NIGHTS ***

AMES- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizen Center, 7:30 PM.

BURLINGTON- Last Tuesday, Buescher Hall, 611 Columbia St. 7:30 PM.

CEDAR PALLS- Last Thursday, Cedar Palls Utility Bldg., 7:30 PM.

CEDAR RAPIDS- Third Wednesday, People's Bank & Trust, 101 3rd Ave.S.W.

CENTRAL IOWA, MARSHALLTOWN- 3rd Wed., Fisher Community Center, 7:30 PM.

CLARION COIN CLUB- 3rd Wed., I.P.S. Community Meeting Room.

DAVENPORT- 1st Tuesday, Davenport Public Library, 4th & Main, 7:00 PM.

DECORAH AREA COIN CLUB- 1st Tuesday, Army Reserve Center, 7:30 PM.

DES MOINES- 1st Tuesday, Easter Seal Center, 2920 - 30th St., 7:30 PM.

FOREST CITY- 2nd Tuesday, Manufacturer's Bank & Trust, 8:00 PM.

PORT DODGE- 2nd Thursday, Airport Meeting Room, 7:30 PM.

PORT MADISON- 3rd Tuesday, Savings & Loan Drive-In, 4520 Ave. L, 7:30 PM.

GRINNELL- 2nd Monday, Grinnell Memorial Bldg., On the Square, 7:30 PM.

ILLOWA COIN CLUB, CLINTON- 3rd Thursday, Gateway State Bank, Clinton.

INDEPENDENCE- 3rd Saturday, Courthouse Basement.

IOWA CITY-OLD CAPITOL COIN CLUB- 2nd Tues., West High School, Rm 13, 7:30

IRIS CITY, MT. PLEASANT- 1st Thursday, Courtesy Room, Henry Co. Savings
Bank, E. Washington St., 7:30 PM.

KEOKUK- 4th Thurs., S.E.C.C. South Campus Student Lounge, 335 Messenger Rd.

MASON CITY- 3rd Mon., 1st St. N.W., C & NW Railroad, 7:30 PM.

MOLINE, ILL.- 3rd Thursday, Township Hall, 7:30 PM.

OSKALOOSA- 2nd Tuesday, Basement of the Farm Bureau Bldg., 7:30 PM.

OTTUMWA- 4th Tuesday, Colormaster, Inc. 800 Gateway Drive, 7:30 PM.

PORT CITY, MUSCATINE- 4th Tuesday, YMCA, 312 Iowa Ave., 7:30 PM.

RED OAK- 1st Monday, Farmers Mercantile on old HWY 34, 7:30 PM.

SIOUXLAND- 2nd Thursday, Elks Lodge, 722 Douglas, Sioux City.

STORMLAKE- 3rd Thursday, IPS meeting Room, Winter 7:30 Summer 8:00 PM.

TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB, MOLINE, ILL.- 3rd Thurs., Moline Township Hall,
620 18th St., 7:30 PM.

WADENA- 3rd Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, 8:00 PM.

WATERLOO- 2nd Thursday, Waterloo Arts & Recr. Center, 7:00 PM.

SHOW CALENDAR

FEB. 23-24 FOREST CITY COIN CLUB, Forest City, Iowa; Civic Auditorium, Bourse Chairman: Forrest Buffington.

MAR. 2-3 COIN-A-RAMA, Starlite Motel; Ames, Iowa; Bourse Chairman: Don Mark.

MAR. 11 CEDAR RAPIDS COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, City Center, First Ave. & Collins Road, SE, Cedar Rapids, Ia., B.C.: Kevin Roberts.

MAY 9-12 CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION; St Louis, Mo.

MAY 18-19 OSKALOOSA COIN, STAMP, COMIC BOOK, & SPORTSCARD SHOW; Penn Central Mall, 200 High Ave. W.; Oskaloosa, Ia., B.C.: Gail McKee.

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FROM THE SECRETARY:

After a lapse of 3 years, you elected me Secretary-Treasurer once again. I enjoy meeting each of you at the show, it's nice to put a face with a name.

The hobby will miss one of our avid coin collectors, W.B. Houser, who passed away at Clarion on October 13th. Bill served the INA as director and as editor in the past. Bill was very active in the Clarion Coin Club, helping each year with the Token Auction at our state show, and he was also usually present at the Ft. Dodge Coin Club meetings.

The election at our annual State Show held in Cedar Rapids this year had the following as your new INA Board for 1991-1992:

President: Owen McKee, Oskaloosa
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- 4: Gail McKee, Oskaloosa
- 5: E.L. Victoria, Des Moines
- 6: Charles Moore, Lohrville
- 7:

At Large:

- Robert Hamling, Cedar Rapids
- Don McCulloch, Spirit Lake
- Kermit Neubauer, Iowa Falls
- Lester Reminger, Ottumwa

Congratulations to all of you!

Owen also appointed me as Advertising Manager, so if you would like to get your message across to the INA members, send me your ad. The rates are full page- \$75, 1/2 page- \$60, 1/4 page- \$30, and 1/8 page- \$15. These are for 4 issues of "The Collector" in 1991.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and happy hunting for '91.

JoAnn Peters, Sec'y-Treasurer

Former publisher Bill Houser dies Saturday in Clarion



Wilmer B. Houser

Long time Clarion resident and former Wright County Monitor publisher Wilmer Bradford (Bill) Houser died Saturday evening October 13, 1990 at his home in Clarion. He was 76. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 17 at First Lutheran Church in Clarion. Pastor William Granger officiated and burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion. Eyer-Willim Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Honorary casket bearers were: Myron Price, Harold Jung, Ed Campbell and Wayne Ebert. Bearers were: Wayne Severtson, Paul Patterson, Dewayne Knoshaug, Richard Simpson and Don Watts. Wayne Ebert was the organist.

Houser was born on a farm near Plaza, North Dakota, June 14, 1914. His parents moved to Washkish, Beltrami County, MN in 1918 and the next year moved to Quiring. In 1926 they moved to Huntersville, Wadena County, MN. This was the home place until Houser attended the University of Minnesota,

majoring in journalism. He graduated in 1938. He did some free lance writing then purchased and published "The Ashby Review" from 1940 to 1943.

He married Jean Schultz January 31, 1942. In 1943 they purchased and published "The Marion Record" in Marion, South Dakota. While in South Dakota their daughters Nancy and Elizabeth Ann were born.

He took part in community life belonging to the Commercial Club and served as secretary-treasurer of the Marion, S.D. Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Turner County Republican party, a member of the South Dakota Press Association, National Editorial Association and served as secretary of the Third District Press Association in South Dakota.

In 1956 he sold "The Marion Record" and purchased and published "The Wright County Monitor" in Clarion. He sold the Monitor in 1979 when he semi-retired but he and his wife, Jean, continued to operate Clarion Office Supply until 1988 when they retired.

Always a member of the Chamber of Commerce, he was also a Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of Toastmasters, a life member of the Iowa Numismatic Association, member of the Clarion Development Commission, member of the Iowa Genealogical Society. He served as president of Rotary Club, Wright County Genealogical Society and was very active in the Clarion Coin Club, holding all of the offices at one time or another. Houser was very active during Clarion's Quasquicentennial this year and was instrumental in publishing the souvenir book. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church. He is listed in Who's Who in Minnesota, 1941 and Who's Who in the Midwest, 1954. He was an active member of the Clarion community and in his quiet way, he got things done.

Survivors include, his wife, Jean; two daughters; Mrs. Wayne (Nancy Jean) Severtson of Laurel, Montana, Mrs. Paul (Elizabeth Ann) Patterson of Columbia, Maryland; five grandchildren; Lynette, Rebecca and Christina Patterson, Julie and Eric Severtson, one sister; Mrs. Walter (Myrl) Brooker of Aurora, Indiana and two brothers; Roland of Hoyt, MN and Wesley of Montrose, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Paul and Millard and a sister; Florence.

REKNOWN FOREIGN DEALER PASSES AWAY

I note in reading the Tri Cities Coin Club Bulletin that Lauren Benson, the world reknown foreign dealer from Davenport, passed away.

Lauren was one of the founding members of the Tri Cities Coin Club in 1937 and carried membership #2. Lauren operated the business in the Putnam

Building in Davenport. Upon retirement his son Richard took over the business. He will be missed by the hobby. We wish to also extend our sympathies to his family.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This will be my first message to you as both President and Editor, and I would like it to be my last. In other words we are in desperate need of an Editor, if you have had even the slightest desire to accept an exciting challenge call me and let me convince you to take this one on.

Ray Ryan has accepted the position as INA Historian. He will carry on our exciting club history for the next two years. I already gave him the challenge of putting our past president's name on a plaque.

The next challenge I have will be to find a location for this coming year's I.N.A. Convention. It seems that the date has been set for the convention has passed but we still have no location. My thoughts were... to have it show in Des Moines, Iowa. I know someone in the Des Moines area to find a suitable location to continue with the show. I think it will be in a suitable to a location that is both economical and available for a lot of room. Please let me know if you can help or gettting the show on the road to success.

I also wish to thank all supporters for their vote which has given me the opportunity to lead our great organization into a new decade of numismatic change. Yes, I think change is what it means. With ANAC selling their grading service and the financial collapse of many of our industry's past promoters, as well as the value of generic graded coins, it will definitely be a decade of change.

The last little bit of news I wish to pass on to club members is a terrific buying opportunity. Yes, a buying opportunity that comes along only a few times in a lifetime. Forget coins for right now, consider showcases! Yes, glass showcases. The I.N.A. is liquidating a very limited number of glass showcases. These cases are made of heavy gauge steel and are in working order. Ones without glass are available to I.N.A. members at \$7.50, ones with glass are \$15.00. All cases will be sold on a first come, first serve basis and must be picked up at the Coin-A-Rama show in Ames, March 2nd-3rd. To reserve and make sure your case will be at the show waiting for you, drop a line to JoAnn Peters, 1031 1/2 Central #2, Fort Dodge, Ia. 50501.

If I don't see you before, I hope to see you at Coin-A-Rama.

Owen C. McKee



Fig. 7. Zerbe 216 H. H. Rosser Lesher "dollar" (slightly reduced)

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CLEANING YOUR IOWAS

A few years ago I received a phone call at our local coin shop and a sweet voice on the other end asked me what I would pay for three 1946 Iowa commemorative halves.

"Are they uncirculated", I asked.

The reply was, "Sure, they have never been unwrapped since I purchased them."

"They've never been cleaned or anything have they", I queried.

"No, they sure have not", was the quick and snappy response.

I then told her that I would have to see them but I was sure if they were like she said, they would be worth a hundred dollars or more.

Well, it was about an hour later and in the door walks a middle aged lady that I would probably never recognize today, but what happened next I will surely remember until the day I die. She stated that she had come to collect her hundred dollars, in fact a couple of 'em. She laid on the counter in front of me two of the most heavily scrubbed "Iowas" that I had seen to date.

"I thought you told me that you had never cleaned these", I stated.

"Well I haven't!?", she said with a hint of inflection.

"Lady... I have been studying coins since I was five years old and believe me even the most rank amateur would know that these coins have been cleaned", I came back.

"Well, they have not!", she demanded.

"Yes, they have I replied and not only that but I can tell you that you either cleaned them with Comet or Baking Soda", I argued.

"Well what are they worth?", she finally questioned.

I told her, "They're probably worth \$40 a piece, and I really don't care if I buy them or not"

"OK. I'll take the \$80 and you can have them", she told me.

So I paid her. But, then I got to thinking... when she called me, she told me that she had three "Iowas" and I was wondering why she was holding out on me, and so I asked her, "I thought that when you called you said you had three "Iowas" what'd you do, decide to keep one?

"No", she said, "But when I had them in the sink and I was cleaning all that old ugly purple toning off of the edges of them, I accidentally dropped one down the garbage disposal. If my husband can ever get it out I'll bring it in, too

"OH!!! NOOOOO!!!

Owen C. McKee

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